Collection of penalty from commuters

2978. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Railways has collected Rs. two crores eighty lakh as penalty from the commuters who travelled without tickets;

(b) the number of commuters caught/fined during the last three years and the amount collected from them in Suburban Services of Bombay; and

(c) whether Government propose to curb such occurences in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 4.46, 3.62 and 3.55 lakh commuters were caught/fined during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93, respectively in the suburban services of Bombay. Railway dues amounting to Rs. 186.23, 221.15 and 210.82 lakhs, respectively were realised during the said period.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Facilities to handicapped persons

2979. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities in regard to railway pass/ticket concessions and other admissible concessions to the handicapped persons; and

(b) what is the procedure for availing of such facilities separately for different categories of handicapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Concessions admissible to the Physically Handicapped Persons afflicted with certain disabilities is indicated below:—

Category	Element of Concession			
	Single journey Tickets		Monthly Season Tickets	
	I Class	II Class Sleeper Class	I Class	II Class
(i) orthopaedically handicapped/paraplegic persons	75%	75%	50%	50%
(ii) Totally Deaf & Dumb persons (both afflictions together in the same persons)	50%	50%	50%	50%
(iii) Blind persons	75%	75%	50%	50%
(iv) Mentally Retarded persons	75%	75%	50%	50%

ESCORTS: Orthopaedically handicapped/paraplegic persons and Mentally Retarded persons are entitled to concessions only when travelling with an escort. The escort is also eligible for the same concession. In the case of Blind persons, the concession is admissible whether travelling alone or with an escort. No concession is admissible to the escort accompanying a Deaf & Dumb person.